

REMARKS

With the present Amendment applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to bring them in compliance with the specification.

These claims specifically define, in addition to the other features, that the disc is in non-positive engagement with the axle. This feature is described in detail in the specification, in particular on page 3, wherein it is stated that the disc is pressed non-positively onto the axle for instance by a press fit, a conically extending axle and/or a chamfer. It is explained that the disc is connected in captive fashion to the windshield wiper system and need not be shipped separately. It can be positioned and oriented accordingly in the manufacture of the wiper system, and as a result the steering lever can be mounted quickly and exactly on the disc by the vehicle manufacturer.

It has now been noted that there exists an inadvertent translator's error in the translation of claim 3 from the German to English.

The German word kraftschlüssig was translated as 'positive engagement' whereas it should have been translated as 'non-positive engagement.'

A translator's declaration to correct this error is attached hereto.

The above mentioned new features of the present invention are not disclosed in the references, neither in the patent to Schill nor in the patent to Zimmer.

The references do not disclose any hint or suggestion that such features must be or can be provided in them. It is therefore believed that the Examiner's rejection of the original claims over these references under 35 U.S.C. 103 should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to the amended claims 1 and 16, and also with respect to claims 17 and therefore these claims should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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